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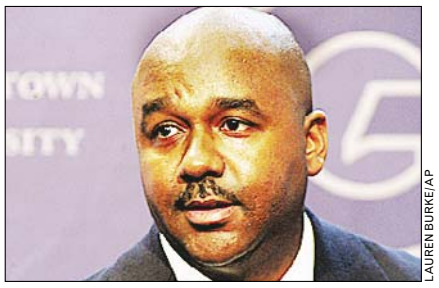

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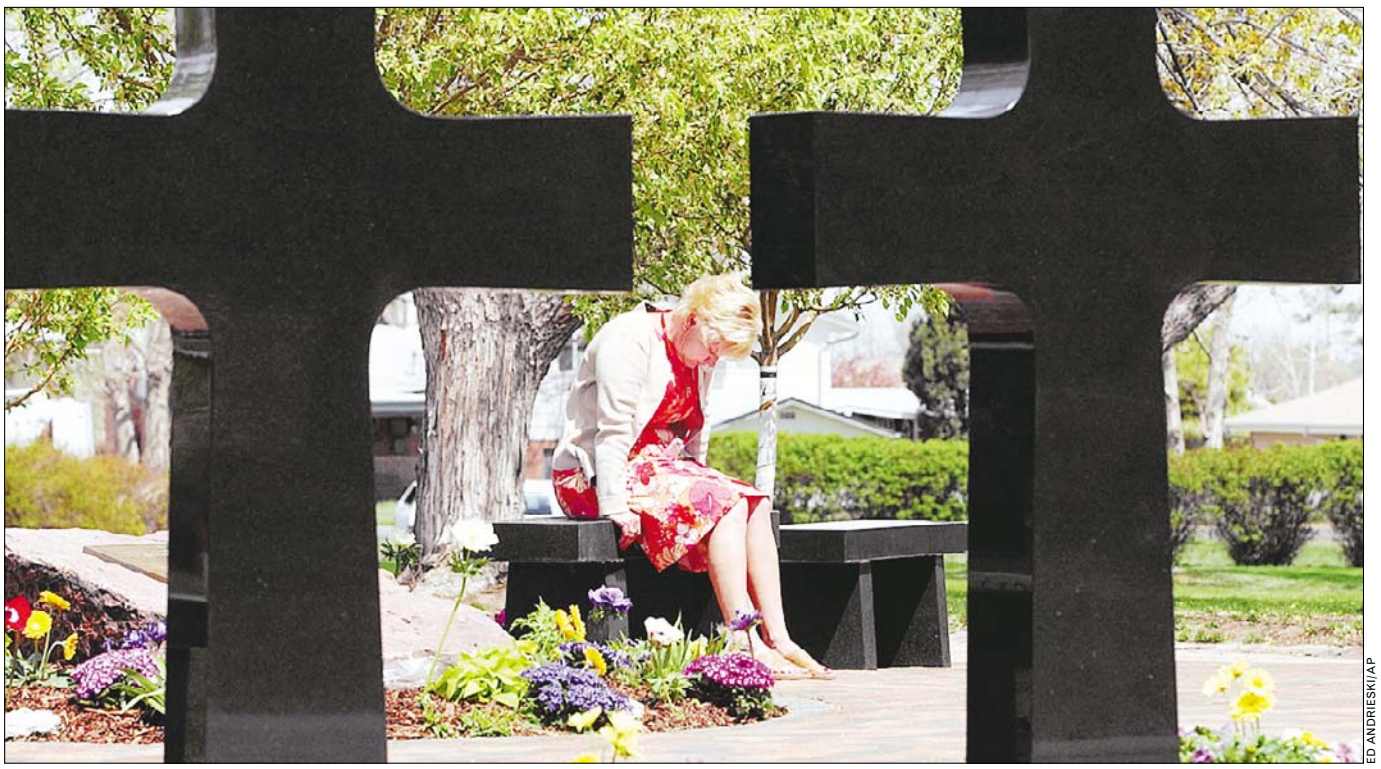

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A MOMENT TO REFLECT: Michelle Marcotte, whose daughter graduated from Columbine High School, visits a memorial in Littleton, Colo., honoring the teacher and 12 students killed at the school by teenage gunmen Dylan Klebold and Eric Harris. Tuesday marked the fifth anniversary of the attack.

Iraqi Court to Try Saddam

Nephew of Pentagon favorite Ahmad Chalabi leads tribunal

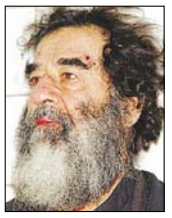
BAGHDAD, IRAQ | Iraqi leaders named a tribunal of judges and prosecutors to try Saddam Hussein, placing a longtime opponent of the ousted dictator at the forefront of the case against him and his former Baathist inner circle, a spokesman announced Tuesday.

Salem Chalabi, a U.S.-educated lawyer, was named by the Iraqi Governing Council as director-general of the all-Iraqi tribunal. He is a senior member of Ahmad Chalabi's Iraqi National Congress, as well as his nephew.

The choice could prove controversial. Ahmad Chalabi, a longtime exile who returned to Iraq and was named to the U.S.-appointed Governing Council, is mistrusted as an outsider by many Iraqis, who are eager to see Saddam prosecuted by Iraqis who were present under his brutal rule.

No date has been set for the trial of Saddam, who was captured by U.S. troops in December and has since been undergoing CIA and FBI interrogation at an undisclosed location in or near Baghdad.

As INC head, Ahmad Chalabi played a leading role in the opposition abroad to Saddam, but many Iraqis view him and other members of the Governing Council as American implants.



Saddam

A favorite of Pentagon war planners, Ahmad Chalabi has been a fierce proponent of expunging traces of Saddam's regime. He heads an official De-Baathification Commission that has been aggressive in purging Iraqis with links to Saddam's party from government positions — so much so that even some U.S. officials have complained that it was getting rid of needed expertise. LOUIS MEIXLER (AP)

TREATS | **Ice Hike** Gasoline isn't the only thing that's costing more as summer approaches. The National Ice Cream Retailers Association says ice cream prices are going up, too. Executive director Linda Udderback blames the rise on what she calls a "perfect storm." Prices for ice cream's essential ingredients — butter, milk, vanilla and chocolate — are on the rise. Udderback predicts the average cost for the frozen treat will rise between 20 and 30 percent. (AP) **EyeOpeners** | Page 2

EyeOpeners

TECHNOLOGY

Rocket Man

Believe it or not, stuntman Eric Scott is walking on air — and into the record books for the highest human flight with a rocket belt. Scott, of Dallas, Texas, used two rocket nozzles firing super-heated hydrogen peroxide to shoot himself 152 feet in the air in London on Tuesday, the equivalent of a 12-story building, Britain's Press Association reported. "It went well," Scott told the PA. "I went up there and when I got to the top I did a little pirouette, a 360-degree spin, so that was fun." His next public rocket flight is scheduled for the jungles of Brazil in July. (EXPRESS)

REUTERS

HEALTH

The Worst Cut Is the Deepest

Eighteen months after colon surgery, a 69-year-old woman in Sydney, Australia, discovered that surgeons left a pair of scissors in her abdomen. Pat Skinner told reporters Tuesday that she suffered months of pain after doctors at Sydney's St. George Hospital removed part of her colon in May 2001. Only after insisting on an X-ray 18 months after the operation was a 6.7-inch pair of surgical scissors detected inside her abdomen. The scissors were removed in October 2002, according to the hospital. Skinner was seeking legal action, local media reported late Monday, though it wasn't immediately clear why she had waited so long. (AP)

ROB GRIFFITH/AP

CRIME

Pocket Full of Trouble

It was a case of being in the wrong pants at the wrong time. Kendrick Gibson, 26, was arrested by police in Nashville, Tenn., on Thursday after failing to surrender himself for booking on a misdemeanor citation for a suspended license. After police came to his residence to arrest him, Gibson began getting dressed, putting on a pair of jeans. He then suddenly took them off for another pair. The officers became suspicious and found plastic bags containing crack cocaine and a small amount of marijuana in the pockets of the first pair. He now faces drug charges. (AP)

ARCHITECTURE

The Skinny House

After living on a boat for 15 years, Neil and Suzanne Ablitt of Santa Barbara, Calif., don't find anything unusual about their plans to squeeze into a home that measures only 19 feet wide and 19 feet deep. But it will be four stories tall, with killer views of the surrounding ocean and mountains. The garage will take up the first floor, with the bedroom on the second, the kitchen on the third, the living room on the fourth and the patio on the roof. (AP)

ON THE LAKE

Goose Pollution

A group of property owners in Reno, Nev., thinks there might be a new culprit behind Lake Tahoe's declining water clarity: goose droppings. Members of the Tahoe Lakefront Owners Association want scientists to study whether the bird feces are contributing to pollution that's eroding the lake's clarity at an average rate of more than a foot per year. The feces contain phosphorus and nitrogen, nutrients that may help fuel the algae growth that combines with sediments to reduce clarity. (AP)

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In Brief

BUFFALO, N.Y.

President Campaigns For Extension of Patriot Act

President Bush reiterated his defense of the Patriot Act and going to war in Iraq on Tuesday as his re-election campaign touted his "tremendous resiliency" after polls showed gains over Democratic opponent John Kerry. It was the president's second straight day promoting the Patriot Act, warning that getting rid of any of its wide-ranging law enforcement tools to investigate terrorism would endanger the country. (AP)

NEW YORK

USA Today Editor Retires Amid Plagiarism Scandal

The editor of USA Today, the country's largest-selling newspaper, retired suddenly Tuesday amid a scandal over fabrications and deceptions by Jack Kelley, one of the paper's star reporters. Karen Jurgensen, 55, had been the paper's editor since 1999. Her departure came on the heels of a comprehensive report on the Kelley fiasco compiled by three veteran newspaper editors. (AP)

DEMOLITION DAY | THE COLONEL'S RETREAT

DOUGLAS C. PIZAC/AP

IT'S HISTORY: This pile of rubble in Salt Lake City was all that was left of the first Kentucky Fried Chicken after the structure was demolished Tuesday. It will be replaced with a new 4,000-square-foot restaurant and museum, which will tell the tale of 52 years of Colonel Sanders's herbs and spices.

Kerry Camp Releases Military Records

WASHINGTON | Amid questions about his military records, John Kerry's campaign on Tuesday provided documentation of Vietnam War injuries that included shrapnel wounds to his arms, legs and buttocks that earned him three Purple Hearts.

Kerry spokesman Michael Meehan said the campaign was in the process of compiling the rest of Kerry's naval record and planned to begin posting it on Kerry's Web site by day's end. Kerry said all his military records are available to the public during an appearance Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Meehan said the Massachusetts senator and presumptive Democratic presidential nominee requested a copy of his record from the Navy last month and received roughly 150 pages last week.

Conservatives, talk radio and some newspapers editorials have questioned whether Kerry was deserving of the three Purple Hearts, fueling questions about his Navy service from 1966 to 1970 and the seriousness of his injuries. (AP)

Bush Gave Blair Choices on Iraq

President was worried support for war could topple P.M., book says

WASHINGTON | Ten days before the beginning of the Iraq War, President Bush made an offer to his friend and ally, British Prime Minister Tony Blair, that Bush thought would help guarantee Blair's political survival, according to a new book by Bob Woodward.

The offer was this: Instead of sending British troops into combat, Blair could find some other way for them to serve in the war effort.

Blair

Bush made the offer, Woodward writes in his new book, "Plan of Attack," out of concern that anti-war feeling in Blair's own Labor Party could lead to his removal as party leader. Bush told Blair that "my last choice is to have your government go down. We don't want that to happen under any circumstances. I really mean that."

Blair declined the offer. "I said I'm with you. I mean it," Blair replied.

Bush said they could think of another role for the British forces — "a second wave, peacekeepers or something. I would rather go alone than have your government fall."

"I understand that," Blair responded, "and that's good of you to say. I said, I'm with you."

Bush said he really meant it that it would be all right for Blair to opt out. "You can bank on that."

"I know you do," Blair said, "and I appreciate that. I absolutely believe in this, too. Thank you. I appreciate that. It's good of you to say that," the prime minister repeated in his very British way. "But I'm there to the very end."

WILLIAM HAMILTON (THE WASHINGTON POST)

'PLAN OF ATTACK'

The Washington Post's Bob Woodward chronicles the Bush administration's march to war:

➜ **Wednesday:** More on the discussions between President Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair as they hashed out strategy on Iraq | Today's Washington Post, A Section

➜ **Thursday:** Woodward reconstructs the frenzied day when President Bush launched an attack on Saddam Hussein's Iraq | Thursday's Washington Post, A Section

BY THE NUMBERS: President Bush added record spending to his list of presidential fund-raising firsts last month, using most of a $50 million campaign blitz to air ads seeking to define rival John Kerry. In all, Bush has spent at least $99 million since officially starting his re-election effort last May, much of that reaching out to prospective voters and donors. (AP)

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Court Hears Detainee Case

Justices consider fate of men held without access to U.S. courts

WASHINGTON | The United States has created a "lawless enclave" at a military base in Cuba where more than 600 men from 44 countries are being held without access to American courts, a lawyer for the men told the Supreme Court on Tuesday.

Attorney John Gibbons said "it's been plain for 215 years" that people in federal detention may file petitions in U.S. courts.

The prisoners in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, were mostly picked up in the fighting in Pakistan and in Afghanistan that toppled the Taliban government in the months following the Sept. 11 attacks. The government has labeled them "enemy combatants."

Their appeal, the first major challenge arising from the U.S. war on terror to reach the high court, asks a basic legal question: Can foreign-born prisoners picked up overseas and held outside U.S. borders use American courts to try to win their freedom?

The Bush administration asserts the right to hold and interrogate the men as long as necessary, without formal charges or the guarantee of a trial or access to a lawyer. The administration also asserts the men are not traditional prisoners of war, who would have guaranteed rights under the Geneva Convention.

Lawyers for the detainees say their clients had nothing to do with Sept. 11 and have never harmed Americans. ANNE GEARAN (AP)

WILLIAM PHILPOTT/REUTERS

BEHIND BARS: David Barrows holds mock prison bars as he protests Tuesday against the detentions at Guantanamo in front of the U.S. Supreme Court building.

Star Witness Testifies In Okla. City Bomb Trial

Michael Fortier says Nichols was involved in plotting the attack

MCALESTER, OKLA. | The prosecution's star witness in the Terry Nichols murder trial began testifying Tuesday after a judge allowed him to discuss the alleged conspiracy between Nichols and Timothy McVeigh to bomb the Oklahoma City federal building.

Michael Fortier's testimony focused on how he, Nichols and McVeigh met as Army buddies stationed together at Fort Riley, Kan.

Two years after Fortier left the Army, McVeigh showed up unannounced at his home in Kingman, Ariz., shortly after the April 19, 1993, government raid at the Branch Davidian compound in Waco, Texas, in which about 80 people died. McVeigh was upset over the raid.

The Oklahoma City bombing came exactly two years after the raid, and prosecutors say it was a twisted attempt at revenge.

Nichols's attorneys had asked the judge to prohibit conspiracy testimony from Fortier because he wasn't charged as a conspirator.

Fortier

Judge Steven Taylor said evidence in Nichols's trial indicates there was a conspiracy between McVeigh and Nichols. He also said that previous federal testimony from Fortier indicates he was part of that conspiracy.

Fortier, serving 12 years in prison for knowing about the bombing plot, but not telling authorities, was brought to the courthouse under heavy security Tuesday. TIM TALLEY (AP)

Internet Routers Vulnerable to Hacker Attacks

WASHINGTON | Researchers uncovered a serious flaw in the underlying technology for nearly all Internet traffic, a discovery that led to an urgent and secretive international effort to prevent global disruptions of Web surfing, e-mails and instant messages.

The British government announced the vulnerability in core Internet technology on Tuesday. Left unaddressed, experts said, it could allow hackers to knock computers offline and broadly disrupt vital traffic-directing devices, called routers, that coordinate the flow of data among distant groups of computers.

The Homeland Security Department issued its own cyber alert hours later that attacks "could affect a large segment of the Internet community." It said normal Internet operations probably would resume after such attacks stopped. (AP)

Stop the Aerial Killing of Wolves in Alaska!

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TROPHY HUNTERS are using airplanes to slaughter helpless wolves in Alaska. They can gun the wolves down from the air, or chase them to exhaustion in the deep snow — then land and shoot them point-blank.

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World

Hamas Still A Target, Israel Says

Sharon: No let-up in campaign to kill militant group's leaders

GAZA CITY, GAZA STRIP | Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said Tuesday that Israel would keep targeting Hamas militants after killing the group's last two leaders in helicopter missile strikes.

Meanwhile, in the bloodiest fighting in weeks, Israeli soldiers killed four Palestinians in a gunfight in the Gaza Strip meant to stop rocket attacks on Jewish settlements.

The barrage of 15 homemade rockets over two days was one of the largest in months. They exploded in blocs of two Israeli settlements, wounding one Israeli.

The rocket fire came in response to Israel's assassination of Abdel Aziz Rantisi, leader of the militant group, over the weekend. Rantisi had replaced Hamas founder Sheik Ahmed Yassin, who was killed by Israel in March.

Sharon said the two would not be the last to be targeted. "We will fight terror and we will not let up on them," he said.

Israel has said the killings are part of its campaign to weaken Hamas in advance of a proposed pullout from Gaza and parts of the West Bank. IBRAHIM BARZAK (AP)

IRAQ | A FATHER'S LAMENT

NAMIR NOOR-ELDEEN/REUTERS

GRIEF: The father of Iraqiya Television reporter Assad Kadem cries as a car bearing his son's body reaches Baghdad on Tuesday. U.S.-funded Iraqiya said Kadem and his driver, Hussein Saleh, were killed by U.S. forces Monday. Army officials said the two were filming a military checkpoint in Samarra and failed to stop despite repeated warning shots.

Rockets Hit Baghdad Prison

22 detainees die; U.S. suspects insurgents tried to spark uprising

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | Guerrillas fired a barrage of mortar rounds at Baghdad's largest prison, killing 22 prisoners in an attack that a U.S. general said may have been an attempt to spark an uprising.

Ninety-two prisoners were wounded in the mortar attack on the U.S.-run Abu Ghraib prison in Baghdad's outskirts, 25 of them seriously, said Col. Jill Morgenthaler, a U.S. military spokeswoman.

"This isn't the first time that we have seen this kind of attack. We don't know if they are trying to inspire an uprising or a prison break," U.S. Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt said.

All of the casualties were security detainees, meaning they were suspected of involvement in the anti-U.S. insurgency or of being part of Saddam's ousted regime. The prison houses some 5,000 security prisoners.

U.S. Marines patrolling Baghdad found the area the mortars were fired from, but the insurgents had fled, Morgenthaler said.

The attack was the bloodiest against the sprawling prison complex in western Baghdad. In August, six security prisoners were killed in a mortar attack.

Also on Tuesday, Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, the top commander of U.S. forces in Iraq, visited soldiers outside Najaf on Tuesday and indicated there were no immediate plans to storm the southern city and end a standoff with anti-American cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, who controls a large militia. Najaf is home to Iraq's holiest Shiite shrine. LOUIS MEIXLER (AP)

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

- **A U.S. soldier was killed** by a roadside bomb in the northern city of Mosul, the 100th combat death in April.
- **Iraqi security forces** moved back into Fallujah Tuesday on a mission to restore control and collect insurgents' weapons.
- **U.S. military leaders** were working to fill the gap left by the decision of Spain and Honduras to withdraw their troops, which are mostly based near Najaf. Existing troops could be shifted to new positions, patrol areas could be redrawn or new troops could be brought in, officials said.

HEARSAY | FRANCE

"Hit low, that is, on the bottom."

—CLERIC CHIRANE ABDELKADER BOUZIANE QUALIFYING REMARKS HE MADE TO A MAGAZINE SAYING MEN CAN BEAT THEIR WIVES IN CASES OF ADULTERY. FRANCE'S INTERIOR MINISTRY SAID IT WILL EXPEL THE MUSLIM CLERIC IN ORDER "TO PROTECT" THE NATION.

3 of 4 Bodies Found in Iraq Identified

HOUSTON | Three of four bodies found near an attack on a fuel convoy in Iraq earlier this month were contract workers for Halliburton Co., the Houston-based company said Tuesday.

Stephen Hulett, 48, of Manistee, Mich.; Jack Montague, 52, of Pittsburg, Ill.; and Jeffery Parker, 45, of Lake Charles, La., "were brave hearts without medals, humanitarians without parades and heroes without statues," Halliburton said in a statement.

Thomas Hamill of Mississippi, the Halliburton worker seen on video after the convoy attack, remained unaccounted for. The fourth body has not been identified, a Halliburton spokeswoman said. (AP)

In Brief

JORDAN

Police Foil Chemical Attack, Kill 4 Men Tied to al Qaeda

Authorities stormed a house in Amman Tuesday, killing four men believed to have ties to an al Qaeda-linked cell that plotted simultaneous bombing and chemical attacks against the U.S. Embassy and other targets. Had the chemical bomb exploded, it could have killed at least 20,000 people, government officials said. (AP)

GREAT BRITAIN

Founder of Guinness Book Of Records Dies in England

Norris McWhirter, 78, co-founder of the Guinness Book of Records, died Monday of a heart attack at his home in southern England, a family spokeswoman said. The first book appeared in 1954, edited and compiled by McWhirter and his twin brother, and was published by the Guinness brewery as a book for settling trivia disputes in pubs. (AP)

INDONESIA

General Indicted for War Crimes to Run for President

A general who faces a U.N. indictment for crimes against humanity was nominated Wednesday as presidentidal candidate of the Golkar Party of ex-dictator Suharto. The U.N. indictment alleges that as military chief, Gen. Wiranto, who uses only one name, did not stop his Indonesian soldiers from killing nearly 1,500 people during an independence referendum in East Timor in 1999. He has denied the charges. (AP)

Gen. Wiranto

CHINA

Reports: Infants Die After Being Fed Fake Baby Formula

Dozens of infants fed fake milk formula have died in the past year in eastern China, state media reported Tuesday. Most of the deaths were near the city of Fuyang, and nearly all were children of impoverished farmers who fed their infants a baby formula that had almost no nutritional value. A government team was sent in to determine who made and sold the formula, reports said. (AP)

World

Italy Seizes U.S.-Bound Guns

Customs officials find 7,500 combat weapons on ship bound for N.Y.

ROME | Authorities in southern Italy seized about 7,500 Kalashnikov assault rifles and other combat-grade firearms from a ship headed for New York, officials said Tuesday.

The weapons — AK-47s, AKM rifles and machine guns worth more than $6 million — were found during customs checks. They were mixed in with properly labeled guns in cargo containers on board a Turkish-flagged ship that docked at the port of Gioia Tauro, a police official said.

The ship was traveling from the Romanian port of Constanta to New York.

Documents accompanying the cargo indicated the weapons were destined for a company in Georgia, the official said. He said police suspected the arms were being smuggled, and declined to give the name of the company in Georgia.

ANTONIO CONDORELLI/REUTERS

A policeman inspects a container after customs officials seized more than 7,500 combat-grade weapons on a ship at the southern Italian port of Gioia Tauro.

The rifles were designated combat weapons because they had bayonets affixed and cartridges that held up to 30 rounds, the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The official said the weapons were discovered 10 days ago, but that police delayed an announcement until they had carried out further checks.

A 1994 ban prevents the U.S. gun industry from making, importing or selling military style semiautomatic weapons, but that law expires in September. AIDAN LEWIS (AP)

Violence, Stifling Heat Mar Elections in India

Despite dangers, more than half of all voters show up to cast ballots

NEW DELHI | Undeterred by kidnappings, deadly rebel attacks and temperatures as high as 113 F, Indians cast ballots Tuesday in the first day of parliamentary elections that are expected to return Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's governing coalition to power.

Rebels from the disputed province of Kashmir and India's isolated northeast have promised to sabotage the vote. At least 15 people were killed and 18 wounded in attacks Tuesday blamed on Islamic militants and Maoist rebels.

The election will be staggered in five phases over three weeks ending May 10 to accommodate the country's 660 million eligible voters. Voter turnout Tuesday was 50 percent to 55 percent, according to the Election Commission.

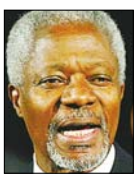
About 400,000 police and troops were deployed to protect candidates, voters and poll workers. Violence is relatively routine during Indian elections — at least 100 people died in the last national poll in 1999.

Opinion polls have predicted Vajpayee's National Democratic Alliance will return to power, as voters appeared ready to reward him for the booming economy and the best prospects in years for peace with nuclear-armed rival Pakistan. BETH DUFF-BROWN (AP)

WHO KNEW? This year, India's 660 million registered voters will cast their ballots using 1 million computerized machines, making the world's largest democracy also the largest user of computerized voting machines. (AP)

Annan Calls for New U.N. Mission In Troubled Haiti

UNITED NATIONS | Secretary-General Kofi Annan called Tuesday for a broad-based new U.N. mission in Haiti that would include 6,700 troops, over 1,600 international police and experts to help turn the Caribbean nation into "a functioning democracy."



Annan

The U.N. military contingent would replace the 3,600-strong U.S.-led multinational force sent to bring stability to Haiti after a three-week rebellion led the country's first democratically elected president, Jean-Bertrand Aristide, to flee in February.

Annan said the transfer of authority to the U.N. would take place by June 1. He proposed that the Security Council authorize the new mission for an initial period of 24 months. EDITH M. LEDERER (AP)

Local

Pr. George's Evacuates Schools After Threat

UPPER MARLBORO, MD. | A threat made to a 911 emergency dispatch operator in Prince George's County, Md., prompted an evacuation order for all the county's public school buildings Tuesday.

"We got a call at 1:54 p.m. from an individual who made a ransom demand" for $1 million, said Cpl. Joe Merkel, a county police spokesman. "He said if the ransom demand was not met he would blow up three unspecified schools" at 3 p.m. A decision was made to evacuate the schools as a precaution.

Many of the county's schools are also used for childcare and recreation programs after school hours. Most after-school activities were canceled.

Although a Prince George's Fire and Emergency Medical Services investigator was called to one school to examine a suspicious object, the investigation into the threat was being handled Tuesday afternoon by the county's police. DERRILL HOLLY (AP)

LOTTERY | NEW MILLIONAIRE

MATT HOUSTON/AP

LUCKY DAY: Miguel Bonilla of Wheaton, Md., discusses hitting the Mega Millions jackpot worth $109 million during a press conference in Baltimore on Tuesday.

Council Blocks Mayor's School Plan

WASHINGTON | D.C. Mayor Anthony A. Williams's plan to take control of the city's troubled public schools failed Tuesday in the D.C. Council on a vote of 9-4.

Williams wanted authority to appoint a superintendent. While some in the council cited concerns about the mayor's ability to improve the schools, others expressed reservations about a plan that would have produced the fourth major change in management structure for city schools in a decade.

The current school board consists of four elected members, four appointed by the mayor and a school board president elected citywide.

Council members also gave preliminary approval to a bill that would allow the city to return to a totally elected school board in 2007. Williams threatened a veto if it gains final approval next month. (AP)

The Lotteries

April 20

DISTRICT

Mid-day Lucky Numbers	5-9-9 (white)
Evening Lucky Numbers	9-6-4 (white)
Mid-day DC 4	6-0-7-3
Evening DC 4	7-5-1-6
Quick Cash	1-25-29-28-26-12
Hot Five	28-27-23-13-9

MARYLAND

Mid-day Pick 3	0-6-5
Evening Pick 3	5-4-8
Mid-day Pick 4	1-4-0-0
Evening Pick 4	2-0-7-9
Match 5	9-11-15-21-23 Bonus: 24

VIRGINIA

Mid-day Pick 3 (Tues.)	4-0-5
Evening Pick 3 (Mon.)	9-4-0
Mid-day Pick 4 (Tues.)	7-0-4-8
Evening Pick 4 (Mon.)	5-2-1-3
Mid-day Cash 5 (Tues.)	3-8-18-26-27
Evening Cash 5 (Mon.)	12-17-21-29-31

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Money

WIRED FOR BUSINESS
Denmark is the global leader in e-commerce, according to a new report by the Economist Intelligence Unit. The annual report measures nearly 100 criteria, from PC ownership to general business environment.

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3 ..... Sweden
4 ..... Norway
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6 ..... United States
7 ..... Singapore
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10 ..... Switzerland

BY THE NUMBERS: In the first full quarter since customers were allowed to keep their phone numbers after switching companies, AT&T Wireless reported 367,000 fewer subscribers. (AP)

Markets Fall Amid Fears of Rate Hike

NEW YORK | Wall Street tumbled Tuesday as Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan hinted that higher interest rates are only a matter of time. The Dow Jones industrial average lost more than 120 points.

A sell-off in the final hour of trading sent the major indexes plummeting and erased earlier gains on solid earnings reports from Dow components General Motors Corp., Pfizer Inc. and Altria Group Inc.

The Dow shed 123.35, or 1.2 percent, to close at 10,314.50. The Nasdaq composite index sagged 41.80, or 2.1 percent, to 1,978.63. The Standard & Poor's 500 index declined 17.67, or 1.6 percent, to 1,118.15.

"It's a foregone conclusion that interest rates will move higher," said Kevin Caron, a market strategist. "I wouldn't be at all surprised if they do begin to raise rates, and you see a burst of economic activity as folks go out and buy that new car, or buy a home, before rates go up higher."

While most economists don't expect the Fed to raise rates at its next meeting on May 4, many believe rates will move higher by the end of the summer. MEG RICHARDS (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Technitrl	22.10	+2.10	+10.5
BoydsC	3.16	+.29	+10.1
Wabash	27.55	+2.39	+9.5
Aviall	17.10	+1.47	+9.4
TempurP n	16.00	+1.24	+8.4

Losers

NovaStar s	31.80	-7.21	-18.5
NavigCons	18.50	-3.07	-14.2
HeclaM	6.50	-.78	-10.7
Lucent	3.89	-.44	-10.2
SturmR	12.05	-1.37	-10.2

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
KentFn	6.96	+2.24	+47.5
MicrFlt	3.35	+1.07	+46.9
RadaElec	3.44	+1.01	+41.6
TaylrDv	3.21	+.82	+34.3
GigaTr	3.65	+.65	+21.7

Losers

Netopia	7.17	-4.18	-36.8
IPIX Cp	8.33	-4.31	-34.1
TASER s	84.39	-34.31	-28.9
DigitRec	10.25	-4.02	-28.2
Conolog	4.51	-1.24	-21.6

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
-123.35	-41.80	-17.67
-1.18	-2.07	-1.56
10314.50	1978.63	1118.15

Media Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
ClearChan	43.37	-.58	-7.4
Comcast	29.98	-.68	-8.6
Comc sp	28.99	-.71	-7.4
CoxCom	32.18	-.67	-6.6
Disney	24.80	-.16	+6.3
Fox Ent	28.72	-.53	-1.5
Gannett	88.49	-1.57	-.8
GTelevsa	45.25	-.79	+13.5
LibtyMA	11.19	+.05	-5.9
LibtyMB	12.00	+.05	-13.0
NewsCorp	37.43	-.27	+3.7
Thomson	30.40	-.40	-16.1
TimeWarn	16.76	-.06	-6.8
Viacom	40.18	-.80	-9.2
ViacomB	39.90	-.95	-10.1

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	4.00	4.00
Fed Funds close	1.00	1.00
3-month	0.98	0.92
2-year	2.16	2.00
10-year	4.46	4.35
30-year	5.26	5.15

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5579	.5531	.6365
Canadian Dollar	1.3541	1.3450	1.4501
European Euro	.8397	.8319	.9189
Japanese Yen	108.38	108.50	119.69
Mexican Peso	11.3130	11.2500	10.5320
Taiwanese Dollar	32.94	32.92	34.78

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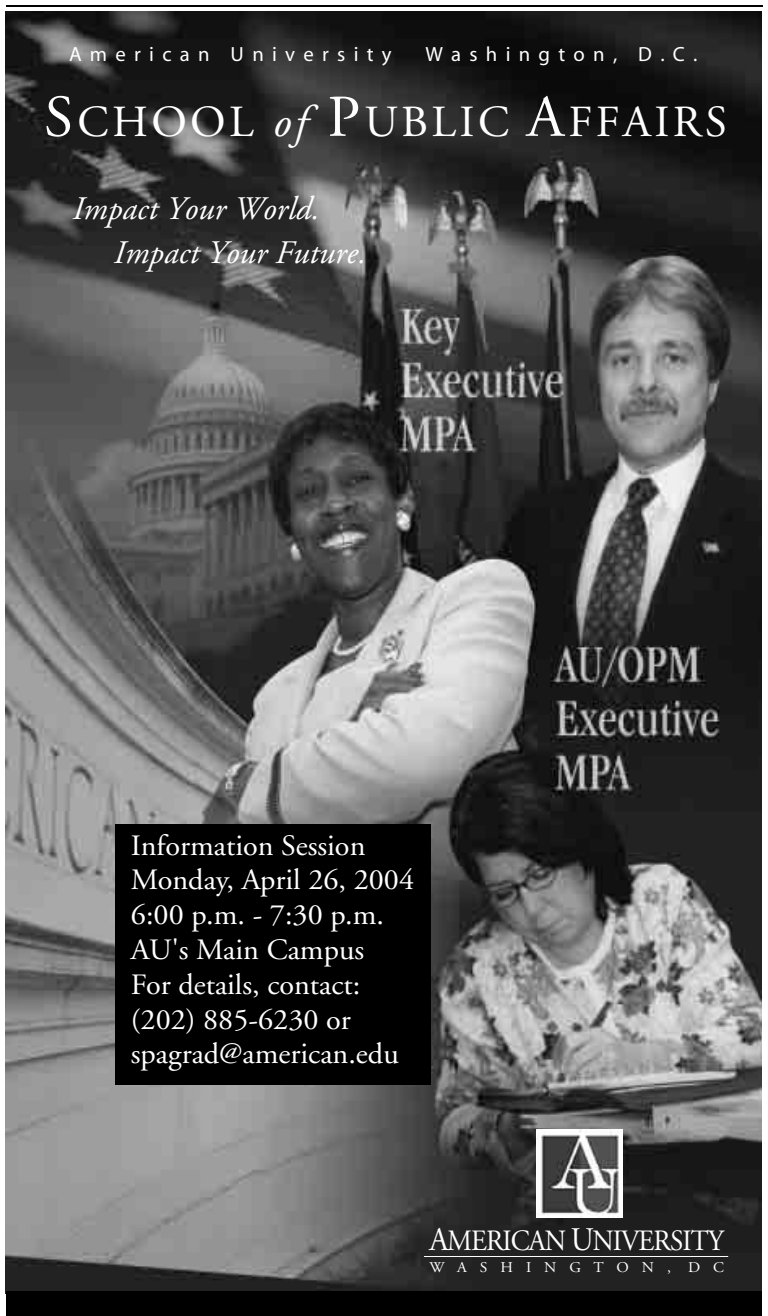


Sports

Like Father, Like Son at Georgetown

John Thompson III becomes new Hoyas coach

COLLEGE BASKETBALL | Hoping to revive its basketball program, Georgetown hired John Thompson III, the son of the only coach to lead the Hoyas to a national title.

The younger Thompson, Princeton's coach since 2000, was introduced by Georgetown at a news conference Tuesday.

His father's 1984 Georgetown team, led by Patrick Ewing, beat Houston for the NCAA championship. Georgetown also reached the national title games in 1982 and 1985 under Thompson, who left the team in 1999.

"I am John Thompson's son. I have been John Thompson's son for 38 years. I'm pretty comfortable being John Thompson's son," Thompson III said. "The pressure that comes along with that — no one's going to put more pressure on me than myself."

Thompson III replaces Craig Esherick, who was fired last month after a 13-15 season, the Hoyas' worst in 31 years.

Thompson

The younger Thompson, 38, led the Tigers to a 68-42 record over four years, including Ivy League titles and NCAA tournament berths in 2000-01 and 2003-04. Princeton went 20-8 this season, losing to Texas in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

The Hoyas lost their last nine games this season, their longest losing streak since 1971-72, the season before the Thompson era began.

Esherick went 103-74 at Georgetown and led the Hoyas to one NCAA tournament appearance.

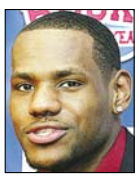
JOSEPH WHITE (AP)

James Is NBA's Top Rookie

PRO BASKETBALL | LeBron James won the NBA Rookie of the Year award Tuesday, capping a remarkable season in which he revived the Cleveland Cavaliers.

The 19-year-old guard more than lived up to unprecedented hype in jumping straight from high school to the pros, becoming the youngest player to receive the award.

James, last year's No. 1 overall draft pick, beat out Denver's Carmelo Anthony, his close friend. Anthony, also 19, played one season of college basketball, leading Syracuse to the NCAA championship.



James

James received 508 points, including 78 of a possible 118 first-place votes, to become the first Cleveland rookie honored.

Anthony finished with 430 points — with the other 40 first-place votes — in balloting by sports writers and broadcasters. Dwyane Wade of the Miami Heat was third with 117 points.

James averaged 20.9 points, 5.5 rebounds and 5.9 assists, joining Oscar Robertson and Michael Jordan as the only NBA rookies to average at least 20-5-5.

TOM WITHERS (AP)

Playoffs: Get results of Tuesday's postseason action in the NBA and NHL | washingtonpost.com/sports

SOCCER LEGEND | VIVA MARADONA

SALVATORE LAPORTA/AP

INSTANT MESSAGE: As soccer legend Diego Maradona remained hospitalized Tuesday in what doctors described as a "delicate condition" with blood and heart problems, soccer fans like this youth in Naples, Italy, paid tribute to the Argentine striker by writing get-well messages on posters and makeshift shrines throughout the world.

Clarett Takes Case to Supreme Court

FOOTBALL | Former college football star Maurice Clarett filed an emergency appeal with the Supreme Court on Tuesday to try to force his way into the NFL draft.

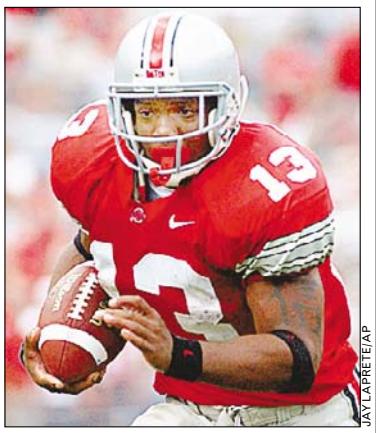
Clarett's attorney, Alan C. Milstein, asked for a stay of a decision Monday by the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals preventing the former Ohio State tailback from entering this weekend's draft.

The decision put on hold a lower-court determination that overturned the NFL's rule preventing players from entering the draft until three years after high school graduation.

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg will handle the case. She could decide to intervene, or refer the issue to the full court. She could also ask the NFL to file a response.

In his appeal, Clarett argues the NFL would not suffer any harm if he is allowed in the draft — but that he would be harmed if he's blocked. The NFL said the Supreme Court appeal has little chance of success.

RUSTY MILLER (AP)



JAY LAPRETE/AP

Clarett's dream of playing in the NFL this year is in the hands of the High Court.

In Brief

DOPING

U.S. Athletes Get Public Warning for Using Stimulant

Four U.S. track and field athletes have received public warnings for using the stimulant modafinil during 2003 competitions, but all remain eligible for this summer's Athens Olympics and other events. Sprinter Chryste Gaines and hurdlers Sandra Glover and Eric Thomas all tested positive for modafinil at the U.S. championships last June. Another hurdler, Chris Phillips, tested positive at the world championships in August. Their sanctions include the forfeiture of all results from the competition at which they tested positive. (AP)

BASKETBALL

Oak Hill's Smith Goes Pro

Indiana recruit Josh Smith will skip college and enter the NBA draft. Smith, a 6-foot-8, 214-pound forward at Oak Hill Academy in Virginia, signed a national letter of intent with the Hoosiers in November. Smith played in the McDonald's All-American game after leading Oak Hill to a 38-0 record. (AP)

PRO BASKETBALL

Sixers Hire O'Brien as Coach

The Philadelphia 76ers hired Jim O'Brien as coach Tuesday, The Associated Press has learned. The former Boston Celtics coach replaces Chris Ford, who was promoted from assistant on an interim basis after Randy Ayers was fired on Feb. 10. The source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the hiring will be announced Wednesday. (AP)

EUROPEAN SOCCER

Monaco Takes Lead on Chelsea in League Semifinals

Fernando Morientes and Shabani Nonda scored late goals, and Monaco beat Chelsea 3-1 despite playing a man short for most of the second half Tuesday in a UEFA Champions League semifinal game. The teams play the second leg of the home-and-home series May 5 in London. The winner — decided on goal aggregate — takes on the survivor of the tie between Porto of Portugal and Deportivo de La Coruna of Spain, which play Wednesday at Porto. (AP)

Sports

Quarterback For Hire: Warner Expects Release

PRO FOOTBALL | Two-time NFL MVP Kurt Warner expects to be released by St. Louis after being told he won't be the Rams' starting quarterback next season, his agent, Mark Bartelstein, said on Tuesday.

Warner

Coach Mike Martz met with Warner and starter Marc Bulger to tell them of the decision, Bartelstein said. The move ends off-season talk of training-camp competition between the two.

Bartelstein said he expects a lot of interest in Warner from other teams.

St. Louis would probably wait after June 1 to cut Warner to reduce the effect on its salary cap. (AP)

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Baltimore	7	4	.636	—	2-2	5-2
Boston	7	5	.583	.5	5-3	2-2
New York	6	7	.462	2	3-2	3-5
Tampa Bay	5	6	.455	2	5-5	0-1
Toronto	3	9	.250	4.5	0-6	3-3

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Chicago	8	4	.667	—	3-0	5-4
Minnesota	8	4	.667	—	5-1	3-3
Detroit	8	5	.615	.5	3-3	5-2
Cleveland	5	9	.357	4	3-4	2-5
Kansas City	4	8	.333	4	4-2	0-6

WEST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Oakland	8	5	.615	—	4-2	4-3
Anaheim	7	6	.538	1	3-3	4-3
Texas	6	7	.462	2	4-3	2-4
Seattle	5	8	.385	3	3-4	2-4

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Florida	8	4	.667	—	5-1	3-3
Atlanta	7	5	.583	1	6-3	1-2
New York	6	7	.462	2.5	3-4	3-3
Philadelphia	5	6	.455	2.5	4-1	1-5
Montreal	2	11	.154	6.5	1-5	1-6

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Houston	9	4	.692	—	4-3	5-1
Cincinnati	7	5	.583	1.5	4-2	3-3
Pittsburgh	7	5	.583	1.5	2-1	5-4
Chicago	7	6	.538	2	4-3	3-3
St. Louis	6	7	.462	3	3-7	3-0
Milwaukee	6	8	.429	3.5	1-2	5-6

WEST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Los Angeles	9	3	.750	—	4-2	5-1
San Diego	6	7	.462	3.5	5-4	1-3
San Francsico	6	7	.462	3.5	3-4	3-3
Colorado	5	7	.417	4	2-1	3-6
Arizona	4	8	.333	5	2-4	2-4

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Sports

U.S. Tennis Gets a TV Time Slot

TENNIS | In a bid to boost tennis' exposure leading up to the U.S. Open, 10 summer hard-court tournaments will be packaged together for TV this year and offer bonus money for players.

The package "creates a series of tournaments that will unify the North American season under a consistent television platform and marketing platform," Arlen Kantarian, the U.S. Tennis Association chief executive for pro tennis, said Tuesday.

Telecasts of semifinals and finals will be slotted for 4-6 p.m. throughout the six-week series.

It will start July 12 with the men's tournament in Los Angeles and the women's tournament at Stanford.

Also participating in 2004: ATP events at Indianapolis (starting July 19), Toronto (July 26), Cincinnati (Aug. 2), Washington, D.C. (Aug. 16) and Long Island (Aug. 23), and WTA events at Los Angeles (July 19), Montreal (Aug. 2) and New Haven (Aug. 23). HOWARD FENDRICH (AP)

POWER LIFTING | CLEAN JERK

EFREM LUKATSKY/AP

LIFTOFF: Nurcan Taylan of Turkey lifts 254.6 pounds (115.5 kilograms) in the clean and jerk event Tuesday at the European Weightlifting Championship in Kiev, Ukraine, where she set three records in the women's 117-pound (53-kilogram) class.

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

BASEBALL (7 p.m. on Comcast) Matt Riley, Baltimore's best pitcher so far this season, looks to continue his strong start against the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

PRO BASKETBALL (7 p.m. on TNT) The Detroit Pistons can grab a 2-0 lead over the Milwaukee Bucks in their playoff series with a win.

PRO BASKETBALL (9:30 p.m. on TNT) Minnesota, up 1-0 on Denver, tries to keep home-court advantage in the playoff series.

SOCCER (2:30 p.m. on ESPN2) Proto and Deportivo La Coruna play a semifinal match of the Champions League.

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The biggest, baddest brood of cicadas is ready. But are you?

CRITTERS | They crouch in tunnels, poised to crawl out of the ground, shed their skin, open their wings and take flight. They've lurked underground, eating grass roots and sucking on tree sap, since they hatched in 1987. But despite their creepy 17-year gestation and ominous label, the motives of Brood X (as in "10") cicadas are pure. They'll likely emerge in May, then for the next month or so, they'll hang around in trees, screaming, mating and laying eggs before they die and leave their babies to await 2021.

PAUL SHREWSBURY/UMD

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LOVE AND DEATH: This cute little cicada nymph, left, will soon mature into a striking adult, right, ready to mate and die.

Is a cicada like a locust?

Not at all. A locust is a kind of grasshopper; a cicada (si-KAY-dah) is a baby-carrot-shaped relative of aphids, those tiny green specks that live on roses. The 17-year variety are an inch and a half or so long, with black bodies and red eyes. But people have been confusing North American cicadas with locusts since the 17th century, when European settlers saw all the flying bugs and thought they were back in Egypt under Pharaoh.

Why the 17-year wait?

It's probably a way to get around being eaten. There are so many — "bazillions," said University of Maryland entomologist Mike Raupp — that predators like birds and foxes can't eat them all. In most of the world, cicada breeds come back every year, like the local dog-day cicadas, which emerge each August. Nobody knows how these particular bugs count to 17.

Will they be at my house?

It's hard to say. They're predicted to cover most of the Washington metropolitan area. But there will be more in suburbs with lots of trees, and the number of cicadas varies considerably from neighborhood to neighborhood. Brood X will also grace parts of Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Tennessee, Indiana, Ohio and a few other states.

Can they hurt me?

No. Cicadas are totally uninterested in humanity. They don't bite, they don't sting, they don't want to eat your food. However, they're not the precision fighter jets of the animal kingdom — they blunder around like confused traffic helicopters. So they could land on your hair or your food. If that sounds bad to you, think about the cicada. It doesn't want to be in your hair; it wants to be up in a tree having sex. Just brush it off and it will go away.

What about my plants?

Female cicadas lay their eggs in small twigs, which can kill the twig. This doesn't matter to a big tree, but may disfigure a very young one. Raupp suggests wrapping the tree loosely in netting with holes big enough for ladybugs to get in and eat smaller bugs, but small enough to keep out the cicadas.

What if pets or kids eat them?

To your dog, cicadas are cocktail wieners on the wing. This could be the happiest summer of her tail-wagging life. But too many could cause constipation. Same for kids — eating one or two, not a big deal. Eating more, consider feeding the kid better. Important: Make darned sure no one's using pesticides nearby if your tyke has a yen for bug-munching.

Um, I hate bugs?

Well, you could stay inside until July. Bug repellent doesn't work on cicadas. Spraying won't do anything. You might kill a few, but we're talking up to 1.5 million per acre. More will fly in. After they mate and die, there will be hundreds of dead bodies under the trees, so avoid walking barefoot if you're easily grossed out. The carcasses get mushy after a few wet days, said entomologist Gene Kritsky of Ohio's Mount St. Joseph College. "If it's really rank, your feet will smell like dead cicadas." A smell, he added, that's not unlike a strong limburger cheese.

If I can't beat 'em, can I join 'em?

Yeah — or eat 'em. UMD's Cicadamaniacs Web site (www.urhome.umd.edu/newsdesk/scitech/cicadas.cfm) has recipes for cicada dumplings, cicada-rhubarb pie and El Chirper tacos. But you can enjoy them without ingesting them. "It's gonna be birth, death, romance, competition, predation. It's going to be the whole thing," Raupp said. Plus they're kind of fun to play with — if you pick the males up, they squeal — and they make great cat toys.

Ohmygod, my wedding is in June! And it's outside!

Cicada experts get this question a lot. You'll have a lot of noise to compete with if your nuptials are in a cicada-dense area. A chorus of males in a tree (the females don't sing) can be as loud as a jet engine. Consider putting up a tent to stop the bugs from falling out of trees onto people's heads and definitely cover the food. Or, you know how at some weddings, they release butterflies instead of throwing rice or confetti? Think of this as the free, ugly version.

Is there any cicada art or poetry I could contemplate?

Cicadas have been decorating pottery and appearing as jade amulets for millennia in China. The ancient Greeks said that the cicadas were men so devoted to the Muses that they spent all their time making music; they wasted away and were rewarded by being turned into bugs. And in Japanese haiku, the call of the cicada represents summer. As the 17th-century poet Basho wrote: From silent temple/voice of a lone cicada/penetrates rock walls.

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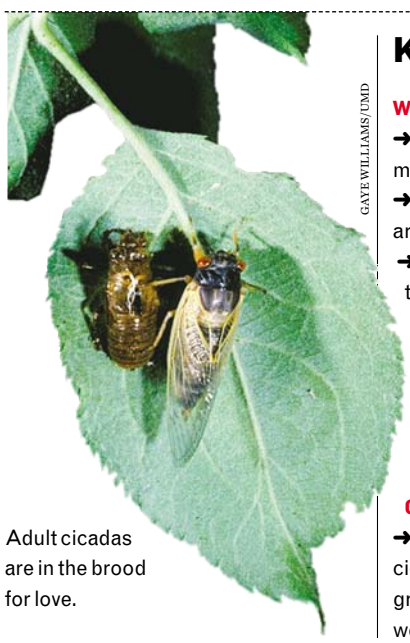

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Adult cicadas are in the brood for love.

Know Your Cicadas

WEB SITES

➜ Activities and crafts (fold an origami cicada!): www.msj.edu/cicada

➜ A wedding guide and news archive: www.dancentury.com/cicada

➜ Cicadas around the world: collections2.eeb.uconn.edu/collections/cicadacentral

➜ Cicada events in Maryland and elsewhere: http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2004/04/0416_040416_cicadatraveler.html

CLOTHING

➜ Commemorate your big fat cicada wedding. A bug bride and groom adorn the front of these wedding tees; the back reads "Brood X Macicicada 2004 World Tour" ($19, www.cafeshops.com/cicadawedding).

➜ The University of Maryland Cicadamaniacs will be selling T-shirts (pictured at right) and answering questions at their Maryland Day booth ($12, Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.)

➜ Anythingairbrushed.com lives up to its name with cicada gear that would feel at home on Daytona Beach during spring break.

AND MORE

➜ Cook them critters right with the "Eat-a-Bug Cookbook" by David George Gordon.

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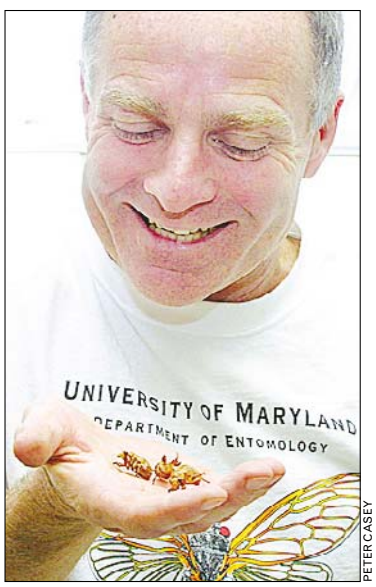


PETER CASEY

UMD's Raupp sports a fly cicada shirt.

Entertainment

The Lost Action Hero

There's a dearth of super-powered women in the movies

EQUAL TIME | Blockbuster. The word just sounds like a superhero, doesn't it?

Fitting, because smashing box-office records seems like part of the mission today for the leading men of comic books. Testosterone seems vital to the formula for breaking out of the comics subculture and into the mainstream.

But where are the women?

Stuck in wardrobe, apparently, if sneak peeks at Halle Berry's turn as Catwoman are any indication. Her dominatrix-meets-metal-chick get-up says a lot about the complicated — OK, not that complicated — role that leading women play in the parallel universe of comics.

Superheroines, especially, have a reputation as lowly spinoffs.

"All too often they are the sidekick of, or the daughter of, or, in the case of Supergirl, the cousin of" the magically endowed man in question, said Trina Robbins, who studies all aspects of women's history in comics culture.

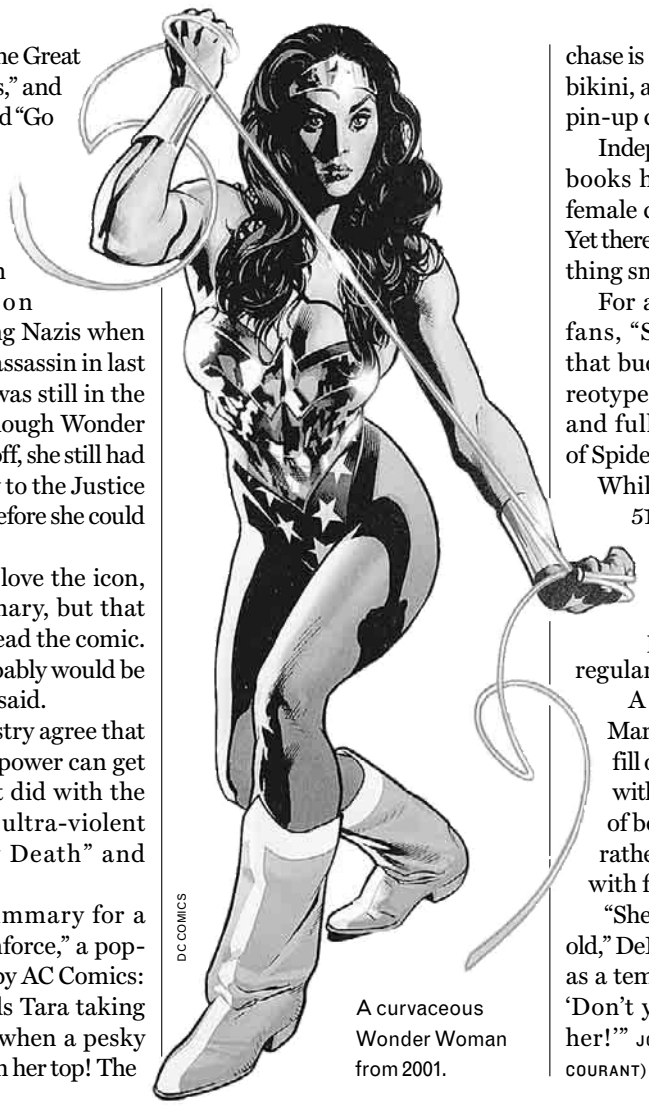
She has written books on the subject, including "The Great Women Superheroes," and she does a comic called "Go Girl!"

Wonder Woman, of course, is the first lady of the genre. First appearing in 1941, this Amazon princess was fighting Nazis when Elektra (the female assassin in last year's "Daredevil") was still in the inkwell. But even though Wonder Woman was no spinoff, she still had to serve as secretary to the Justice Society of America before she could become a member.

"A lot of women love the icon, they buy the stationary, but that doesn't mean they read the comic. If they did, they probably would be horrified," Robbins said.

Most in the industry agree that the fantasy of superpower can get pretty twisted, as it did with the rise of semi-nude, ultra-violent comics like "Lady Death" and "Vampirella."

Consider the summary for a recent issue of "Femforce," a popular title published by AC Comics: "The lead story finds Tara taking a waterfall shower when a pesky chimp makes off with her top! The chase is on to recover the purloined bikini, and the resulting romp is a pin-up collector's dream!"



DC COMICS

A curvaceous Wonder Woman from 2001.

Independent comics and manga books have become a refuge for female characters — and readers. Yet there's room for women in something smaller than a D-cup.

For a small core of dedicated fans, "Spider-Girl" is the book that bucks the superheroine stereotypes. She's the strong, smart and fully-clothed teen daughter of Spider-Man.

While it's true that in issue No. 51, May "Mayday" Parker, the hero's alter ego, was subjected to the indignity of a shower scene, that happened during the hiatus of regular writer Tom DeFalco.

A former editor-in-chief of Marvel Comics, DeFalco tries to fill out Spider-Girl's personality with teen angst and the burden of bearing her father's powers, rather than preoccupy himself with filling out her uniform.

"She has the form of a 16-year-old," DeFalco said. "I used my niece as a template. So I told the artist, 'Don't you dare do anything to her!'" JOHN JURGENSEN (THE HARTFORD COURANT)

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SCHOOL KIDS: Prince revisits the musical landscape he essentially created.

A Prince by Any Name

Prince tries to claim his musical crown, with mixed results

MUSIC | Though Prince has been releasing new music at a steady pace for years, he's done so in relative obscurity — for someone who used to be a multiplatinum star.

But now the reclusive singer has embarked on a media blitz that includes a nationwide tour, TV appearances and a new album. The newest member of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame sees his latest CD, "Musicology" (NPG Records/Columbia), as his opportunity to school the kids on true music in an era of sampling, lip-synching and nebulous talent.

The title track, while engaging, is a retread of those same James Brown-inspired funk grooves he's done in the past. "Illusion, Coma, Pimp and Circumstance" sounds disjointed and silly, and lacks the lyrical wit we've come to expect from the Purple One. And despite the thumping groove of "Life of the Party," it's not something you'd really want to party to.

But there are some gems here. "Call My Name" is another luscious ballad that shows Prince is still the master of intoxicating pillow talk, even as the Jehovah's Witness has cleaned up his naughty act.

"What Do You Want Me 2 Do?" lures you with its mellow, jazzy sound, while "Dear Mr. Man" is a searing, sobering indictment of today's society that rivals anything he's done in the past.

But it's rare his new work reaches the artistic peaks of his previous material — and that's his conundrum. Those old hits, and even misses, are still dynamic and innovative, and you can't get them out of your mind.

It may not be fair to expect Prince to keep topping himself. But he's the one who spoiled us with his musical genius. So we do expect him to teach us something new.

NEKESA MUMBI MOODY (AP)

Today's Top Stops

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Playwright Lecture: All About Tennessee

1 Tonight's performance of "Five by Tenn" is sold out, but the lecture "Tennessee Williams: His Life and Work" spills everything a fan needs to know about the playwright, his life, his words and his loves, in preparation for this season's spectacular four-play lineup.

Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; 6 p.m., $10; 202-467-4600. (Foggy Bottom-GWU).

WIDE WORLD

Williams in New York at 31, writing on something called a "typewriter," kids.

Still Cooking: Jacques Pepin

2 Meet the real apprentice, the one who turned his learning years into a lifetime of making great dishes available to ordinary cooks. Chef and cookbook author Jacques Pepin shares from his memoir, "The Apprentice: My Life in the Kitchen."

Olsson's, 2111 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 7 p.m., free; 703-525-4227. (Court House)

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Entertainment

The Veep's Right-Hand Man

Josh Malina adds conflict to 'The West Wing'

UNDER THE RADAR | The vice president's top aide, Will Bailey, is explaining the "talking points on the VP's energy speech" to White House press secretary C.J. Cregg so she can help him "control the media."

Their exchange is typical of the complex and often cynical ping-pong of information that bounces about the fictional halls of power on NBC's "The West Wing."

The October 2002 episode of "The West Wing" was actor Josh Malina's first appearance as Bailey, who irked the powers that be by running a congressional campaign for a dead man.

"He was a classic sort of Aaron creation," said Malina, referring to series creator Aaron Sorkin.

He first entered President Bartlet's White House as a speechwriter but segued slightly beyond the pale to run the office of the vice president (Gary Cole), where he finds himself "not exactly on the same team" as all the president's men.

REED SAXON/AP

Malina's Will Bailey was a speechwriter before he decamped to be the VP's aide.

Current-affairs jargon is regular content on the series. But Malina, 38, wouldn't want to fluff any lines on this occasion. Richard Schiff, who co-stars as Communications Director Toby Ziegler, is directing for the first time and the cynical Ziegler and the opinionated Bailey have been in conflict.

"Luckily we don't get along in real life," Malina joked.

"The Promise," airs tonight at 9 p.m., beginning a four-episode story arc that ends the series' fifth season. BRIDGET BYRNE (AP)

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Television

Silence on Wall Street

HUMILITY | One of the biggest lessons Kwame Jackson learned in his three years as a stockbroker at Goldman Sachs Group Inc. helped get him fired by "The Donald."

The 30-year-old was passed over in the final episode of "The Apprentice" largely because of his laid-back style. Jackson says the elite Wall Street investment bank taught him: "You can do things quietly, humbly, and still be successful."

Goldman has long shunned those who seek the spotlight. In the mid-1980s, James Cramer, a former Goldman trader, found himself in hot water after his photo ran in the New York Times with a caption suggesting he could buy anything he wants. In his book, "Confessions of a Street Addict," he confessed: "I had broken the code."

Jackson

Several Goldman staffers have requested leaves to appear on reality-TV programs in recent years. So far all have been given the cold shoulder.

Monday Mr. Trump said that while Goldman's approach to business is quite different from his, he actually likes the firm's low-key approach to things: "It is not a bad idea, but it has never worked that way in my firm. I should try it." SUSANNE CRAIG (THE WALL STREET JOURNAL)

ON TV TONIGHT

A STRONG POINT OF VIEW

The best documentaries take us to places we would never go, and show us things we might not want to see. **LOVE & DIANE** (9 p.m., PBS) is that kind of film. A presentation of "P.O.V.," the documentary follows a mother and daughter from a troubled urban family as they try to escape the demons that consumed their relatives. Shot in cinema verite style, without narration or expert commentary, "Love" allows its subjects to describe their hopes for the future as well as their harrowing past, including several generations of depression, rampant alcoholism and the near certainty of early death. Offering more than mere voyeurism, "Love" shatters common assumptions and asks us to ponder phrases like "the cycle of poverty" or "one day at a time."

PBS

Love Hinson and her son, Donyeah, battle formidable obstacles every day.

THE POWER BEHIND THE LAUGHS

MOGULS (9 p.m., TV Land) Merv Griffin hosts a six-part profile and celebration of the producers behind the medium's most enduring hits. Tonight's "Moguls" covers the 1950s, when Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz invented many of conventions and practices that would define commercial television, including the three-camera sitcom, repeats, syndication and TV production studios. Other '50 moguls include Danny Thomas and Sheldon Leonard.

COUNTRY FLAMERS

Singer and actress Reba McEntire will receive the Johnny Cash Visionary Award at the **2004 FLAME WORTHY VIDEO MUSIC AWARDS** (8 p.m., CMT). Dolly Parton hosts the festivities. Presenters and performers include Alan Jackson, Montgomery Gentry, Randy Quaid and Shania Twain.

THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING

THE O.C. (9 p.m., Fox) Julie's wedding shower.

CULT CHOICE

GHOST WORLD (9 p.m., Independent Film Channel) An aimless, sardonic teen (Thora Birch) befriends a middle-aged sad sack (Steve Buscemi) in the 2001 adaptation of Daniel Clows's graphic novel. Also co-starring Scarlett Johansson. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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	BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live			BET.com Count	The Parkers	The Parkers	College Hill	How I'm Living	Comicview		BET Nightly News	College Hill
	Bravo	(4:30) ★★★ "Restoration" (1995)		The West Wing CC		★★★ "Mystic Pizza" (1988, Comedy-Drama) Annabeth Gish, Julia Roberts.				Keen Eddie "Horse Heir" CC		The West Wing CC	
	Comedy	100 Greatest Stand-Ups CC		The Daily Show	Mad TV Mekhi Phifer, the Strokes.		Crank Yankers	Insomniac CC	South Park CC	South Park (N)	Chappelle's Show	The Daily Show	Tough Crowd
	Court	NYPD Blue "Zeppo Marks Brothers"		Cops CC	Cops CC	I, Detective	I, Detective	Forensic Files (N)	Psychic Detec	The System "Trail of Clues" (N)		The Secret History of Rock 'n' Roll	
	Discovery	Titanic Voyage: Untold Stories CC		Justice Files "Killer on the Loose"		Wild Child: Feral Children		The Death of Marilyn Monroe CC		Seven Wonders Of... "Mega-Resorts"		Wild Child: Feral Children	
	DISCH	Rescue 911 CC	Rescue 911 CC	Paramedics "Portland Pioneers"		Only a Miracle "Boy Hit by SUV"		Diagnosis: Unknown "Tainted Blood"		Vanished Twins Birth anomalies.		Only a Miracle "Boy Hit by SUV"	
	Disney	Even Stevens	Sister, Sister	Sister, Sister	Lizzie McGuire	★★ "Eddie's Million Dollar Cook-Off" (2003) Taylor Ball.			Dave-Barbarian	Sister, Sister	Boy Meets World	Kim Possible	The Proud Family
	E!	Revenge of the Celebrity Assistants		E! News (N)	It's Good to Be	High Price of Fame "Time's Up"		Anna Bares All Anna Nicole Smith.		Barbi Twins: E! True Hollywood Story		Howard Stern (N)	Howard Stern
	FX	(4:00) "Die Hard With a Vengeance"		★★ "Planet of the Apes" (2001) Mark Wahlberg, Tim Roth. An astronaut crashes on a world dominated by apes.						Nip/Tuck "Kurt Dempsey"		★★ "Planet of the Apes" (2001)	
	HGTV	Bldg. Character	Landscapers	Curb Appeal	House Hunters	Dream House	New Spaces	Wknd Warriors	Mission: Orgnz	Curb Appeal	Curb Appeal	Home to Go	Restore America
	Family	Full House CC	Full House CC	7th Heaven "All That Jazz" CC		★★ "The Object of My Affection" (1998) Jennifer Aniston, Paul Rudd. CC				Whose Line?	Whose Line?	The 700 Club CC	
	History	Hoover Dam CC		Modern Marvels "Niagara Power"		Modern Marvels CC		Modern Marvels "Failed Inventions"		Modern Marvels "Bathroom Tech" (N)		Vanishings! CC	Vanishings! CC
	Lifetime	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Nanny CC	The Nanny CC	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	"A Kiss So Deadly" (1996, Drama) Dedee Pfeiffer, Charles Shaughnessy. CC				Wild Card "Spooked" CC	
	MTV	Made		Direct Effect		Music Videos		Pimp My Ride	Pimp My Ride	Made "Mr. Northstar" Athlete. (N)		Making-Band II	Making-Band II
	NICK	U-Pick	Hey Arnold! CC	Rugrats CC	SpongeBob	Fairly Oddparents	Sabrina-Witch	Full House CC	Full House CC	The Cosby Show	The Cosby Show	Roseanne CC	Roseanne CC
	SCIFI	Stargate SG-1 "Need"		★★ "Invasion" (1997, Science Fiction) Luke Perry, Rebecca Gayheart, Kim Cattrall. Mankind is threatened by a sinister extraterrestrial virus. CC								Storm of the Century CC	
	SPIKE	Real TV	Real TV	Star Trek: Deep Space Nine "Dax"		Star Trek: The Next Generation CC		★★ "Days of Thunder" (1990, Drama) Tom Cruise, Robert Duvall. CC				Ride-Funkmastr	Ride-Funkmastr
	TBS	Home Improve.	Seinfeld CC	Seinfeld CC	Friends CC	Seinfeld CC	Seinfeld CC	Seinfeld CC	Seinfeld CC	Seinfeld CC	★★★ "Boyz N the Hood" (1991) (PA) Cuba Gooding Jr.		
	TLC	Clean Sweep CC		In a Fix "Shell of a Ranch" CC		What Not to Wear "Jeanne"		Clean Sweep (N)		Trading Spaces: Home Free		What Not to Wear "Jeanne"	
	TNT	Charmed "Secrets & Guys" CC		NBA Basketball Eastern Conference First Round Game 2 -- Milwaukee Bucks at Detroit Pistons.					NBA Basketball: Western Conference First Round Game 2 -- Nuggets at Timberwolves				
	USA	Walker, Texas Ranger "Rampage"		JAG "Each of Us Angels"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		L.A. Dragnet "Abduction" (N) CC		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	
	VHI	Fabulous Life Of...		★★★ "The Blues Brothers" (1980) John Belushi. Two musicians reassemble their band for a fund-raiser.						I Love the '80s Strikes Back "1989"		Fabulous Life Of...	Behind the Music
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SPORTS	ESPN	SportsCenter (Live) CC		MLB Baseball St. Louis Cardinals at Houston Astros. From Minute Maid Park in Houston. (Subject to Blackout) CC						Baseball Tonight (Live) CC		SportsCenter (Live) CC	
	ESPN2	High School Basketball		NFL Live CC	2003 World Series of Poker		2003 World Series of Poker		Best of-Poker	MLB Baseball San Diego Padres at San Francisco Giants. (Live) CC			
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	MSNBC	The Abrams Report (Live)		Hardball (Live) CC		Countdown With Keith Olbermann		Deborah Norville Tonight (Live)		Scarborough Country (Live)		Hardball CC	
MOVIES	AMC	★★★ "Donovan's Reef" (1963, Comedy) John Wayne. 'NR' CC				★★★ "Catch-22" (1970) Alan Arkin. Disgruntled officers stop at nothing to get discharges. 'R'				★★★★ "Twelve O'Clock High" (1949) Gregory Peck.			
	TCM	(4:15) "The Shoes of the Fisherman"		Private Screenings "Anthony Quinn"		★★★ "They Died With Their Boots On" (1941, Western) Errol Flynn, Arthur Kennedy. 'NR' CC				★★★ "Hawaii" (1966, Drama) Julie Andrews. 'NR'			
	HBO	(5:30) ★★★ "Ice Age" (2002) 'PG'		(:15) ★ "Mr. Deeds" (2002, Comedy) Adam Sandler. 'PG-13' CC				The Sopranos "In Camelot" CC		On the Record Pierce Brosnan. CC		Deadwood "The Trial of Jack McCall"	
	MAX	(:05) ★★ "Brown Sugar" (2002, Romance) Taye Diggs. 'PG-13' CC				★★★ "My Big Fat Greek Wedding" (2002) Nia Vardalos.			Quality of Mercy	★ "Just Married" (2003) Ashton Kutcher. 'PG-13' CC			Total Romance
	SHOW	(:15) ★★★ "Swimming With Sharks" (1995) Kevin Spacey. iTV. 'R' CC				"Coast to Coast" (2004, Comedy-Drama) Richard Dreyfuss. iTV. 'NR' CC				Soul Food (iTV) The sisters argue. (N)		Soul Decisions	A Boy Named Sue
	TMC	(5:55) ★★ "Bandits" (2001, Comedy-Drama) Bruce Willis. 'PG-13' CC				★★ "Men With Brooms" (2002) Paul Gross. 'R' CC				(:45) ★★ "When a Man Loves a Woman" (1994, Drama) Andy Garcia, Meg Ryan. 'R' CC			
	STARZ!	(5:05) ★★ "Tears of the Sun" (2003)		(:15) ★★★ "About a Boy" (2002) Hugh Grant, Toni Collette. 'PG-13' CC				★★ "The Count of Monte Cristo" (2002) Jim Caviezel. 'PG-13' CC				(:15) ★★★ "Frida" (2002) 'R' CC	
	ENCORE	(5:50) ★★★ "The Rookie" (2002, Drama) Dennis Quaid. 'G' CC				★ "Fair Game" (1995) Cindy Crawford. 'R' CC				(:35) ★★ "The Three Musketeers" (1993) Charlie Sheen. 'PG' CC			★★ XXX (2002)

Cars

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Discounts Multiply

Incentives are on the rise as dealers compete for buyers

Consumers need no incentive to buy a Scion.

AP

BUYING | Cash rebates, low-interest loans and other new-car incentives reached an average $2,379 per vehicle in March, up 6.4 percent from a year ago, according to a study released Monday.

And while domestic automakers set the pace with various rebates and reduced lease rates averaging $3,250, European and Asian automakers were forced to boost their bait to stay competitive.

Even companies whose products are in high demand, including Toyota Motor Corp. and BMW, are finding it necessary to offer incentives. "Customers just expect it. The incentive is part of the whole sales process now," said Jesse Toprak, pricing and market analysis director at Edmunds.com, the Internet automotive information service that conducted the study.

The brands offering the biggest lures last month were GM's Cadillac and Oldsmobile divisions, at $4,339 and $4,332 per vehicle, followed by Ford's Lincoln at $4,094 and the Chrysler brand with $3,977.

All that might sound like good news for consumers, but dealers and market analysts say incentives do little to lower the final cost of a new car, sport utility vehicle or truck. Edmunds's study shows that the average new-vehicle sales price in March was $25,024 — up 5.2 percent from $23,787 a year earlier.

A key reason, dealers say, is that consumers use the incentives to add options and other features that boost the total cost of their car.

And as financing terms get more liberal, with six- and seven-year loans gaining a foothold in the market, many buyers are using the new incentives to help trade in older cars with big loan balances to buy something new.

Still, not every new car or truck needs an assist to get out of the showroom.

BMW's sporty Mini is just about the hottest thing around, with virtually no incentives offered, according to the Edmunds study.

Toyota's youth brand, Scion, is also pretty hot. The company spends an average of just $64 per car on Scion incentives.

In fact, Toyota was the only major car company that dramatically cut its incentives in the past year, by 41.7 percent, to $568 per vehicle in March. JOHN O'DELL (L.A. TIMES)

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Cars

A New Lease on Life

An orphaned sedan comes out from Suzuki

TEST DRIVE | The 2004 Suzuki Verona doesn't look like the lowest-priced, six-cylinder, mid-size sedan on the market. It doesn't look like a car that was plucked from a now-bankrupt company, either.

But the new Verona — Suzuki's first mid-size sedan — has a $16,999 manufacturer's suggested retail price, including destination charge, that undercuts even six-cylinder, mid-size sedans from Hyundai and Kia.

The Verona was once part of the product plans of Daewoo Motor Corp. before the South Korean automaker went bankrupt a few years ago.

Despite all its global tendrils, it's nice to see the Verona has pleasing styling — something you might expect from Honda — and a comfortable, mainstream ride.

There's nothing overdone in the outside design. There's also nothing that makes the car jump out as particularly memorable.

The interior treatment, however, is impressive. The test car, a top-of-the-line Verona EX with a $20,499 price tag, had leather-trimmed seats and upscale, textured ceiling fabric.

Power came on readily and smoothly to move the 3,380-pound car into traffic efficiently. With two passengers inside, the Verona didn't seem to lose steam.

The front-drive Verona keeps a lot of road bumps away from passengers, even as the ride doesn't feel overly soft or floaty. Only severe potholes brought sharp jolts.

The test car had 16-inch tires that imparted some road noise, but it was not intrusive.

Suzuki also is selling a second car that came via Daewoo. The compact Suzuki Forenza debuted last fall as a 2004 model. ANN M. JOB (AP)

The Verona savors freedom after Suzuki salvaged it from the defunct Daewoo.

2004 SUZUKI VERONA EX

TYPE: Front-engine, front-wheel-drive, five-passenger, mid-size sedan
ENGINE: 2.5-liter, dual overhead cam, inline six cylinder
WHEELBASE: 106.3 inches
Weight: 3,380 pounds
LENGTH: 187.8 inches
MILEAGE: 20 mpg city, 28 highway
PRICE AS TESTED: $20,499
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People

AP

It's hard to be cynical when they're as adorable as Goldie and the Dalai Lama.

TRIBUTES

Yeah, Yeah, We Love You

GOLDIE HAWN sucked up to the **DALAI LAMA** on Monday as she introduced a musical tribute in Vancouver, reported the Calgary Sun. "No matter what our chosen faith may be, his message is universal," said Hawn. The monk stayed for just a few minutes, but he did make it through a song by children's singer Raffi. (EXPRESS)

OBSESSIONS

Hair Today ...

DAVID BECKHAM's new haircut seized the front pages of Britain's tabloids Tuesday, when he appeared with a freshly shorn scalp at a party. Recently the beleaguered soccer star has worn his hair long, but other variations have included a Mohawk, spikes and cornrows. At right, Beckham's wax replica at Madame Tussaud's in London gets an update. (AP)

YUI MOK/AP

DEALS

Label Sets Bold Example For Aspiring Young Rappers

Island Def Jam expects to sign imprisoned rapper **JAMAL "SHYNE" BARROW** to a $3 million record contract this week, a source familiar with the negotiations said. Shyne, now serving a 10-year term for his role in a New York nightclub shooting involving Sean "P. Diddy" Combs, was expected to finalize the deal by the end of this week, according to the source. Shyne was sentenced to prison in 2001 when he was 19 for his part in the 1999 shootout at Club New York. The label plans to produce the album with material Shyne recorded before he began serving his sentence, the source said. The prospect of other releases from prison — some rappers have recorded albums over the phone or in visiting rooms — was unclear. (AP)

SHAWN BALDWIN/AP

Shyne in 2001. Well, no one can accuse him of sleeping his way to the top.

FAKES

Copy Me, I Love It

Imitation is flattering, says designer **GIORGIO ARMANI**, who has a fake Armani watch to prove it. Armani said he bought the watch for $22 in Shanghai. "It was an identical copy of an Emporio Armani watch," he said at a news conference Monday in Hong Kong. The real timepiece costs many times as much. "I know I have some stores in China ... that have nothing to do with me," said the designer, who was in China over the weekend to announce the opening of a store on Shanghai's trendy Bund. He said the imitations can cause "confusion" among consumers. "On the other hand, it's flattering to be copied. If you are copied, you are doing the right thing." (AP)

SENTENCES

What, Are You Too Good to Go to Court?

Former NBA star **DENNIS RODMAN** pleaded no contest to drunken driving in an October motorcycle crash outside a Las Vegas striptease club. Rodman, 42, wasn't required to appear for Monday's plea in Las Vegas Municipal Court. A judge fined Rodman $1,000, ordered him to serve 30 days of home detention and required him to use a device in Nevada that will measure his blood-alcohol content before he can start his car for the next year to prevent drunk driving. (AP)

EX-WIVES

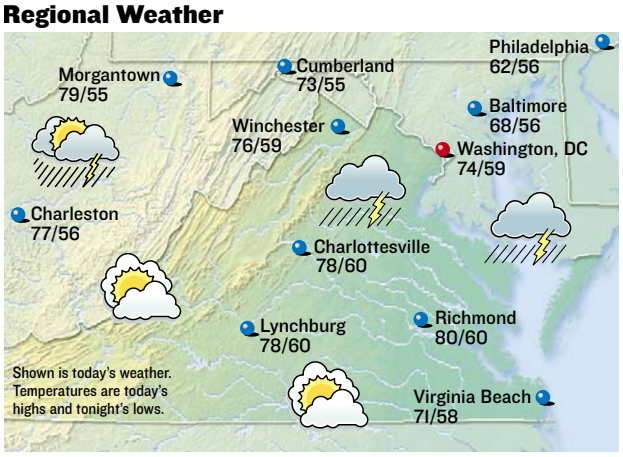
She Can't Melt It Down and Hock It Like Everyone Else

Actress **KIM BASINGER** unloaded her 3.7-carat diamond engagement ring from ex Alec Baldwin for just shy of $69,000 to a Beverly Hills jewelry dealer, Reuters reported. The Tiffany & Co. ring was auctioned by Christie's to raise funds for the Performing Animal Welfare Society. Buyer Yossi Dina estimated that he paid 30 percent more than market value. "I got it for a fan," he said. "They'll pay crazy money for that." (EXPRESS)

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Shower, thunderstorm	Thunderstorm possible	Thunderstorm possible	Showers possible	Partly sunny	Showers, thunderstorms possible
74°	59°	80° / 59°	73° / 54°	68° / 52°	66° / 52°

Regional Weather



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Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Tues.

Temperature

High	79°
Low	71°
Normal high	68°
Normal low	47°
Average humidity	46%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	3.00"
Normal month to date	1.82"
Year to date	8.72"
Last year to date	15.16"
Normal year to date	11.37"

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Regional Forecast

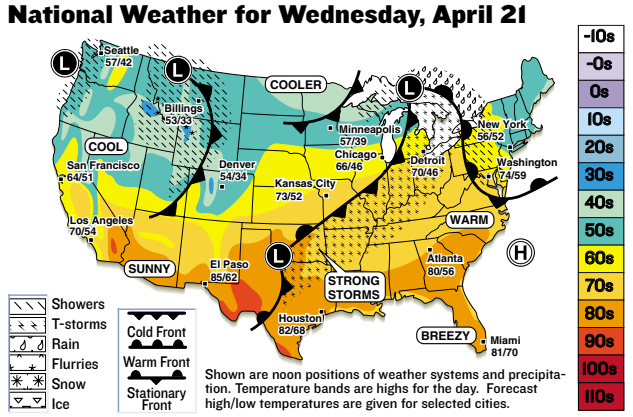
D.C. Metro: Today, mostly cloudy, shower or thunderstorm. High 74. Wind south 12-22 mph. Tonight, shower or thunderstorm. Low 59.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	6:23 a.m.
Sunset tonight	7:51 p.m.
Moonrise today	7:24 a.m.
Moonset today	10:14 p.m.

First	Full	Last	New
Apr 27	May 4	May 11	May 19

National Weather for Wednesday, April 21



Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.

National Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thur. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	80/56/pc	80/60/pc
Boston	52/47/sh	68/50/t
Chicago	66/46/t	58/42/pc
Dallas	79/68/r	85/69/t
Denver	54/34/t	52/32/sh
Honolulu	83/72/sh	84/73/pc
Los Angeles	70/54/pc	75/54/s
Miami	81/70/s	84/74/pc
New York City	56/52/sh	74/51/t
Orlando	84/60/s	86/64/s
Seattle	57/42/sh	62/45/pc

World Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thur. Hi/Lo/W
Amsterdam	60/53/c	58/48/r
Athens	60/44/pc	59/48/c
Berlin	72/53/pc	72/56/pc
Buenos Aires	72/57/pc	72/57/sh
Calgary	55/36/sh	58/35/pc
Dublin	55/45/sh	53/39/pc
Geneva	69/54/pc	68/45/c
Moscow	58/36/t	50/26/r
Rome	68/52/pc	70/53/s
Sydney	75/54/pc	76/56/pc
Tokyo	69/62/s	79/65/s

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

Playback

Letters

TO THE EDITOR

ALL MY 14-YEAR OLD-COUSIN could do was laugh at Bush's press conference last week. This was not due to the inherent flaws of his policy. Instead, he was laughing at Bush's inability to answer even the simplest of questions from the press.

My mother used this time to explain the importance of public speaking, adding that Bush was not at fault for his inept responses, but his advisers failed to prepare him for the questions he would be facing.

Despite one's personal beliefs about Bush, he provides a great example to our youth that being prepared and knowledgeable is key to presenting any argument.

—DENISE SYLVESTER
Washington, D.C.

I WAS VERY AMUSED by Tuesday's article "Commas, Periods Near Extinction." The article reviews a book about how English is not being written correctly (as far as punctuation, grammar and syntax). What is amusing about this article is that the second sentence did not contain a verb, so therefore it is not a sentence. It seems that professionals and laymen alike need to read Ms. Truss's book.

—SUSANNA VALLANCE
Rockville, Md.

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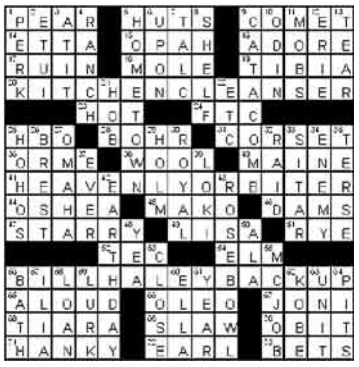
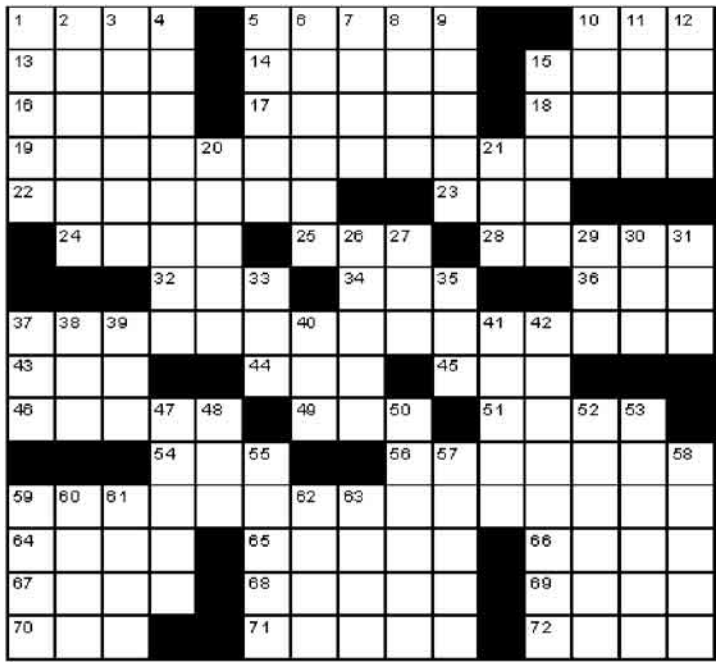


Crossword Puzzle: The Inner Me | *Edited by Timothy E. Parker*



ACROSS
1 Record, in a way
5 Rodeo necessity
10 Lloyd Webber musical role
13 Second son
14 Herr Schindler
15 Not yet up
16 Dust particle
17 Aka follower
18 Rosary piece
19 "Keep Out!" follower
22 Nongrammatical case
23 Acrobat catcher
24 Clock-maker Thomas
25 Music genre
28 Bloom of the fall
32 Unit of time
34 Glossed-over place, sometimes
36 Maven
37 He or she
43 Fertility clinic needs
44 Pharmaceutical giant Lilly
45 "... there remained not ___." (Ex. 8:31)
46 On edge
49 Net judge's cry
51 Male turkeys
54 Trains on high
56 Virginia Dare's colony
59 Slips and such
64 Spike to shuck
65 Moliere's forte
66 Pedal appendages
67 Pennsylvania city
68 DeGeneres sitcom
69 Italian wine-producing region
70 Block
71 Tiresias and Nostradamus, e.g.
72 ___ majeste

DOWN
1 Buccaneer's home
2 Ceases, NASA-style
3 Not large
4 Promotes
5 Reluctant
6 Numb, as a foot
7 Opt to omit
8 River from the Vosges Mountains
9 Mork's supervisor
10 Radio-active driver
11 Qualifying race
12 Oceanic whirlpool
15 Aids in dirty deeds
20 Cause for a blessing
21 Brain size
26 Stan's chum
27 Die spot
29 Chinese "way"
30 Former French coin
31 Half a cartoon couple
33 Compass hdg.
35 ___ forma
37 Flower holder
38 Holiday precursor
39 Took off
40 Nothing alternative
41 Ready to use
42 Concerning newborns
47 River of Paris
48 "A Nightmare on ___ Street"
50 Inquiry for a lost package
52 Bummed out
53 Kilters, in poker
55 Items with dials
57 Kicks off
58 Dinsmore of children's books
59 One way to serve coffee
60 Wife in "A Doll's House"
61 It's on your car
62 Fisherman's offering?
63 Perry's creator

The Duplex | *Glenn McCoy*

Horoscope | *Stella Wilder*

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Don't blame others for your own insecurities. Someone is trying to work with you; are you making it much too difficult?

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Sincerity and a willingness to listen when the time comes will be the keys to your success. Complications may arise in the evening.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — The solution to a tricky mystery will appear at the most unusual time. Be ready to come to the rescue.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You'll receive an important tip from someone who, not long ago, was in exactly the position you find yourself in right now. Listen up.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You're going to want to get to the heart of the matter as quickly and efficiently as possible. Avoid being emotional; cut through red tape.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Your vivid imagination will open doors for you during the day — but after dark you may actually get yourself in a little trouble.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Love and romance are indeed favored, but you must be willing to make time for such distractions. They're key elements right now.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Someone you know will save the day by providing just exactly what you need in the nick of time. Don't hold back your thanks.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Work will be more important to you than in the recent past, and it will seem as though your responsibilities are multiplying.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — You can be enjoying only the best, but it may be difficult to persuade a rival that you are the one who should be favored.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — You may be attracted by something unusual and led into a series of adventures, learning a great deal about life.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You may uncover a plot of sorts designed to overshadow your own efforts and discredit you in some manner. Be fair with your rivals.

LIVE ONLINE

Bob Woodward

From washingtonpost.com/liveonline

Washington Post Assistant Managing Editor **BOB WOODWARD** was online Tuesday to discuss "Plan of Attack," his latest book, which chronicles the Bush administration's actions over two years and examines the causes and consequences of the events which led to the war in Iraq.

What was the motive behind writing this book?

The most important decision President Bush made is launching the war and the invasion of Iraq. I have attempted to find out how and why he did. It covers more than two years of his presidency and I was able to get perhaps as much new information about what really happened as I have had in any of the 12 books I've done.

You said that you "wanted to get the book done before the election and the high election season," but later said you aren't trying to influence anything. Could you please explain? P.S. Who is Deep Throat?

A book with such detail and intimate accounts of what happened inevitably will get caught in the partisan crossfire, as it already has. The partisan crossfire gets more intense each week up to the election and I did not want to be caught in that crossfire more than necessary.

P.S. Someone finally was willing to ask.

Was your book "Bush at War" basically a less critical book that let you establish a trusting relationship with the administration so this book could explore the flawed ideological nature of the Bush White House?

That is not the case. This book, "Plan of Attack," is not a one-dimensional portrait of the president or the administration. People are going to read it very differently depending on what they bring to the book. I was surprised and frankly somewhat happy that both the Bush/Cheney campaign and the Kerry campaign have put the book on the recommended reading lists on their Web sites.

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